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## ANNOUNCING "A Celebration!"

### Contributions To Building Fund Aid Effort To Finish Building

As the days and weeks go by, more and more of our membership are taking a share in the responsibility to finish the building and release the synagogue from bank debt.

With every issue of the BULLETIN, the list of contributors continues to grow, (see page 5) with the names of members who are accelerating their pledge payments, newly joined members who are contributing now and members who are increasing their initial contributions.

Are you among them?

Our building is essentially complete. But there are finishing touches still to be made and there are still a few areas which could be designated "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. WE NEED EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CONGREGATION TO DECLARE IN ACTIONS THAT HE/SHE IS PART OF THIS GREAT EFFORT.

Now, in this new year of 1982, our Centennial, let us renew our efforts and, once and for all, finish this task and finish it quickly. We can do it; we will do it — all of us, together.

### Morning Minyan To Meet Once A Month

Beginning Wednesday, January 27, at 7:45 A.M., a *morning* minyan will be held and everyone is welcome to participate. Coffee and danish will be served.

Members who are experienced in chanting the daily service will be asked to lead the services at these minyanim. Members who are inexperienced are invited to come early to learn how to put on tefillin.

**Rememeber: At Park Avenue Synagogue both women and men count!**

Future dates are as follows:

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 A.M.

Sunday, March 21 at 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 A.M.

Monday, May 3 at 7:45 A.M.

Mark your calendar now and plan to join your fellow congregants at the *morning* minyan!

### Classes Resume January 4 In Sherr Institute Of Jewish Studies

The Spring Semester begins in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies the first week of January. Those interested in enrolling in courses are encouraged to review the Course Brochure, copies of which are available in the Synagogue Office. Courses offered encompass the Hebrew language, Jewish belief, practice, philosophy.

**RETURNING TO JUDAISM:** This course, taught by Mr. Jeffrey Segelman, will focus on "What Does A Jew Believe?" during the month of January and "How To Make A Home Jewish" during the month of February. Monday evenings, 8:15-9:30 P.M.

**MAIMONIDES: THE MAN AND HIS WORK:** Dr. Neil Gillman will teach an introductory course in the thought of Maimonides through his legal and philosophical writings. Five Wednesdays, 8 - 9:30 P.M., beginning January 27.

**OLDER AND WISER:** Two new courses begin January 18, one, "The Book of Koheleth" (Ecclesiastes) and the other, "American Jewish History."

**THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE:** Mrs. Carol Schapiro Kekst will conduct a course in child development during the first year of life for mothers *and their babies* with opportunities for mothers to feed, play and enjoy their babies under optimum home-like conditions. Mornings, beginning February 2.

**HEBREW:** The study of the Hebrew language on all levels from beginner to advanced. Mornings, afternoons, evenings.

### Earlier Starting Time For Sabbath Morning Service

Beginning Saturday morning, February 6, Shabbat Services will begin at 9:15 A.M., fifteen minutes earlier than has been our custom.

The Ritual Committee of the Board of Trustees has made this change in order to accommodate the present length of the service and to maintain the traditional conclusion of the service at noon.

### Birthday Gala For All To Enjoy

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Announcing the greatest birthday party of the century! And it is taking place right here, in Park Avenue Synagogue, Saturday night, April 24!

## "A Celebration!"

And what a celebration it is going to be, too!! In honor of the 100th birthday of our congregation, a gala ball and dinner will be held on the lower level of our new building with all the fanfare and hullabaloo that can be mustered. And what is more, YOU are invited . . .

In conjunction with the ball, a souvenir journal will be published and distributed that evening.

The committees have already begun to meet and make plans to ensure that this evening, out of all the many "great" evenings we may have enjoyed before, will be the greatest of them all!!

Annette Sherman is Chairman of the Gala and Anita Gluck is Chairman of the Journal. Assisting them are Evelyn Gelman, Treasurer of the Gala and Doris Kapner, Treasurer of the Journal. Committee Chairmen are Wendy Meltzer, Beth Mishkin and Cathy Zises, Music and Entertainment; Ellie Frommer and Edith Cherovsky, Reception; Phyllis Siegel and Bea Kaplan, Seating; Pat Davidson, Centennial Research; Doris Weiss and Hadassah Nadich, Menu; Joanne Davis, Design; Joann Rosoff, Publicity; Esther Oberman, Publicity Liaison; Victor Mayer, Caterer.

Circle the date on your calendar now. April 24. It will be an evening no one will want to miss.

### SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

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## Park Avenue Synagogue

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**Judgment At Washington****The Place:** The State Department**Time:** Fall of 1981**Scene:** Conference Of Liberators Of  
The Concentration Camps**Cast:** Representatives of fourteen  
countries all of whom had  
been witnesses to and par-  
ticipants in the liberation  
of the camps**Producer:** United States Holocaust  
Memorial Council

This was a unique event. People from all parts of the world, from diverse places and cultures, speakers of different languages and idioms sitting together with sober miens, united by a common memory — a memory that will not go away and will not recede into the dim past. It was a memory of sights seared into one's consciousness, always present and always overwhelming and beyond comprehension. We sat there with ears that heard, hearts that ached and minds that will never grasp the meaning of this awful event — the Holocaust. Speaker after speaker, no matter what language he spoke, repeated the same litany: We dare not forget, we dare not let it happen again. Witness after witness retelling and reliving. Those moments of discovery of the camps, still recoiling at the memory of the sights which defy all description of which people are capable. They were all moved and were moving. The Russians describing their liberation of Auschwitz, the Americans reliving the days of April 1945 when their tanks rolled into Dachau, the gentle Danes who spoke quietly and modestly about their rescue of fellow Danes who happened to be Jews, the brave men of the Jewish Brigade who came from Palestine to be

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**Schedule Of Religious Services  
(January)**Friday evening, January 1 . . . . . 5:45 p.m.  
Light Candles 4:19 p.m.**FAMILY SERVICE**

Saturday morning, January 2 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Friday night, January 8 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.

Light Candles 4:26 p.m.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on

"THE LANGUAGE OF JUDAISM — PHRASES A JEW SHOULD KNOW"

Saturday morning, January 9 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Amy Harmon

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Harmon

Friday night, January 15 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.

Light Candles 4:33 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak on

"TICKET TO HEAVEN: THE PROBLEM OF CULTS"

Saturday morning, January 16 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Teller

son of Mr. Sanford Teller and Mrs. Judith Teller

Friday night, January 22 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.

Light Candles 4:41 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak on

"THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE DISABLED:

A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK"

Saturday morning, January 23 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Abelson

son of Mr. and Mrs. Hirschel Abelson

Friday night, January 29 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.

Light Candles 4:50 p.m.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will participate in

"ASK THE RABBI"

at an Oneg Shabbat after the service

Saturday morning, January 30 . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Alison Pollet

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pollet

Rabbis Judah Nadich and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

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Note: "Child-Minding" program with Mrs. Ora Murad Navok, sponsored by Parents Association, for children ages 18 months and up, Shabbat mornings, 10-11:30 A.M.

**Scrabble Club Comes To  
Park Avenue Synagogue**

Great news for Scrabble lovers. Now you can join a club and play twice a week, if you so desire, at Park Avenue Synagogue. Beginning Thursday, January 7, 1982, the Club will meet every Monday afternoon from 3-6 P.M. and every Thursday evening from 7:30-10:30 P.M.

In order to help the club get underway, players are asked to bring their own Scrabble sets and to be prepared to pay an admittance fee of two dollars.

For more information on the new Scrabble Club, please call the Synagogue Office, 369-2600 or Muriel Bessinger, 534-4216, evenings.

See "Images Before My Eyes"  
at Park Avenue Synagogue  
2 P.M. Sunday, January 31

**Wanted!**

Photographs are still being sought for the Centennial History being compiled by Rabbi Harlan Wechsler for Park Avenue Synagogue's Centennial Observance.

If you have any photographs in your possession of events and/or people at the synagogue, may we please borrow them? All photographs will be returned after they have been reproduced.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Wechsler's secretary at 369-2600.

**Save This Date Now**

**Saturday, March 27, 1982  
Women's Evening Group  
Gourmet Supper  
and  
Annual Auction**



## Schedule Of Religious Services (February)

Friday evening, February 5 . . . . . 5:45 p.m.  
Light candles 4:58 p.m.

### FAMILY SERVICE AND SHABBAT DINNER

Reservations required for dinner

Saturday morning, February 6 . . . . . 9:15 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Gabriella Zaklad  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Zaklad

Friday night, February 12 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.  
Light Candles 5:07 p.m.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on  
"RIGHT TO LIFE — WHOSE LIFE?"

Saturday morning, February 13 . . . . . 9:15 a.m.

Friday night, February 19 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.  
Light Candles 5:20 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak on  
"PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO"

Saturday morning, February 20 . . . . . 9:15 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Jody Perlberger  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perlberger

Friday night, February 26 . . . . . 8:30 p.m.  
Light candles 5:24 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will speak on  
"THE IDEAL JEWISH PARENTS: PROTOTYPE OR MYTH?"

Followed by a panel discussion on the subject:  
"DIVORCE AND THE JEWISH CHILD" sponsored by the  
Single Parents Workshop

Saturday morning, February 27 . . . . . 9:15 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Lisa Chajet  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Chajet

Rabbis Judah Nadich and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct the services together  
with Cantor David Lefkowitz and the synagogue choir with Mr. Neil Robinson at the organ.

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### More Members Join The Patrons Club

Members of the congregation have given their synagogue a present for Hanukkah: they have become members of the Patrons Club.

Patrons Club is a unique institution. Membership is open to those congregants who are willing to support financially the programs of the synagogue year with an additional annual contribution of \$1000 or more, over and above synagogue membership dues. Donor and Sponsor categories are also available.

**Patrons to date are:** Mr. and Mrs. Joel J. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fine, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Kogan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raticoff, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold L. Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shapiro, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham I. Sherr, Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

**Sponsors to date are:** Mr. and Mrs. Martin Milston and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Usdan.

### Sisterhood Gift Shop Offers Many Surprises!

Need a watch, a wallet, a washable apron? Need a kiddush cup, a candlestick, a crystal dish? Need a gift for a 9 year old or a 90 year old? Then do we have the perfect shopping suggestion for you! Go to the Sisterhood Gift Shop, located on the first floor of the new building, opposite the Appleman Chapel. There you will find everything to satisfy your needs whether it is for yourself or a gift for someone else.

The Gift Shop is open Monday through Thursday from 11 A.M. — 5 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M. The Sisterhood volunteer salespeople will be most happy to assist you in making your selections.

The Officers and Board of Parents Association wishes to thank Alice Fine and Roz Haber, Co-Chairmen of BOOK FAIR 5742, and their splendid committee for the fine job they performed for the synagogue community.

### Music That Lives: Part III

In my previous article I concluded that in order for the musical heritage of our people to be properly familiar and understood, it would be wise to bring this music to the public concert halls and to the general recording and broadcasting media. Jewish music suffers from the stigma of parochialism, perhaps because its performance is too limited to religious services.

By no means is all of our music based on the liturgy. Our people have been blessed by the inspiration of talented composers who have created an enormously rich literature of secular instrumental and vocal music, — Jewish works that are surely deserving of recognition and appreciation. As enlightened Jews of a modern, free society, we have been able to become knowledgeable listeners and performers of Bach, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Debussy, Strauss and all the great master composers of "universal" music. At the same time we could derive tremendous satisfaction and greater understanding of ourselves were we to become familiar with Rossi, Engel, Milner, Achron, Weiner, Ben-Haim and a host of others.

Furthermore, the vast composed musical literature for the synagogue liturgy *really needs* to be heard. We Jews *need* to know this music. It is the most intimate, the most authentic expression available to us of the historical Jew. For any thinking individual, religious or not, to question the validity of serious musical expression in the synagogue service is to fail in understanding the historical development of Jewish prayer itself! We are free to appreciate the universal beauty in the great sacred church masses and oratorios which we hear on recordings and in concert halls; but it is our great loss if we do not also know the classics of Sulzer, Lewandowski, Naumbourg, Nowakowsky, Schorr, Rosenblatt, Roitman, Zilberts and Helfman.

It is really time, therefore, for foundations, concerned with the preservation of culture, universal and ethnic, to support recording projects of the finest professional caliber. Almost no Jewish music literature has received top-notch commercial recording. Amazing! Small wonder then that the only Jewish work that seems to be well-known is Ernest Bloch's "Sacred Service." With proper recordings, our music could be given its proper place in radio broadcasts by serious music stations. Libraries throughout the world would have access to proper documentaries of the Jewish ethnic experience. And let us not be apologetic about ethnicity!

We Jews need to sponsor regular performances of our arts in *public* theaters. I am pleased to note that the Hebrew Arts School, which has emerged as an important institution of culture in our community, does occasionally present first-

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## Judgment

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with their people. All these were a symphony of sorrow and valor, despair and inspiration which held the listeners rapt and incredulous. Questions, questions which are asked and whose answers never make sense. "When was the 'final solution' known by the leaders of the world?" asked Marvin Kalb politely at a panel discussion. The answer came from many quarters and it was always the same — "In the summer of 1942." The tall proud figure of Professor Jan Karsky, who was a courier at the time working in the Polish underground, standing and telling how he personally traveled in the summer of 1942 to the capitals of the world, to London and Washington, to sound the alarm, to tell the facts, only to be totally ignored — even and *especially* by the man in the White House. This was an experience to remember forever.

In addition to liberators, there were the survivors. Their memories are their special possession, which nobody can really share. And they were eloquently represented by Elie Wiesel who captivated his audience each time he rose to his feet. He is their spokesman and articulates their fears and their hopes. From his opening remarks to his closing speech, he created a mood that was almost palpable. "Gratitude . . . ultimately it was gratitude that brought us back to normalcy and to society. Do you remember, friends? In Lublin and Dachau, Stuthof and Nordhausen, Ravensbruck and Majdanek, Belsen and Auschwitz, you were surrounded by sick and wounded and hungry wretches, barely alive, pathetic in their futile attempts to touch you, to smile at you, to reassure you, to console you and most of all, to carry you in triumph on their frail shoulders. You were heroes, our idols! Tell me, friends, have you ever felt such love, such admiration?"

Sitting in the elegant and imposing Loy Henderson Conference Room, listening, reliving and feeling the pain again, I felt privileged to be part of the United States Delegation at this unique event. Would that all of you could have been there. You would have come away saddened but uplifted, and more determined than ever that such dreadful evil may never darken our world.

— Judah Nadich

**Women's Evening Group**  
Friday Night Service  
January 29, 1982

Special Speaker  
to be announced

## SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Dina Berger, Leslie Fine, Andrew Lauren, Danielle Levine, Jon Schulhof and Riva Syrop, winners in the Poster Contest sponsored by BOOK FAIR 5742! The posters, which were on display along the third floor corridor and then in Room 308 during BOOK FAIR, reflected the theme of BOOK FAIR 5742, "Yesterday — Today — Tomorrow — One Hundred Years, 1882 — 1982, 5642 — 5742." The winning posters were selected on the basis of originality and execution by a select panel of judges.

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Members of the congregation are invited to join the students of Grade *Bet* and their families at the next Family Service, Friday, February 5 at 5:45 P.M. The service, which will be conducted in part by the students, will be followed by a traditional Friday evening meal for the school children and their families celebrating the Sabbath with prayer, song and good food!

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"Twinning," a concept developed by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, is a program which binds American young men and women of Bar/Bat Mitzvah age with young men and women of the same age in the Soviet Union. Through a proxy ceremony, the children in the Soviet Union will be able to share the day and ceremony of the young man or woman taking place here in the United States. Guidelines have been established for writing, sending small packages and even phoning your family in the Soviet Union!

Through this program it is hoped that the link forged will heighten our awareness of the plight of our Jewish brethren living in the Soviet Union, while supplying them with a feeling of support and solidarity.

For further information on this program and how you can participate, please contact Mrs. Bloch, Principal of the Elementary Department, at 369-2600.

## Music That Lives

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rate performances of Jewish content in its widely-acclaimed concert hall. Our Jewish Museum and the 92nd St. Y ought to include more music of our people in their programming, too. And perhaps our synagogues as well should provide more frequent performances of Jewish music, not only at worship services but also at other times. Chamber music series might be a good idea.

We possess a beautiful heritage that sings the sound, the soul, the very breath of our people. Let that song live!

— David Lefkowitz

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## Scholars To Assess

### The Challenge Of Fundamentalism

On the five Wednesday evenings during the month of March, a series of lectures will be given in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies, from 8-9:30 P.M., examining one of the most pressing issues in religion today: The Challenge of Fundamentalism. Whether it is from the Moral Majority, or from the Ayatollahs in Iran, or even from significant segments of the Jewish community, the voice of religious fundamentalism is making itself heard.

The Ideology of Jewish Fundamentalism, Christian Fundamentalism, Christian Fundamentalism and the Jews, Fundamentalism and the Jews, Fundamentalism as a Political Force and Alternatives to Fundamentalism will be the topics of the five lectures. Chaired by Dr. Neil Gillman, Associate Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, two lectures will be delivered by two Christian scholars, Professor Gerald Sheppard, Professor of Bible at the Union Theological Seminary and Mrs. Peggy L. Shriver, Assistant General Secretary for the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Professor Sheppard, whose own background is one of Christian Fundamentalism, will address the issue of the Christian phenomenon from a modern perspective on March 10 and Mrs. Shriver, whose book, *The Bible Vote*, was published recently will address the issue "Fundamentalism as a Political Force" on March 24.

Joining the participants from Park Avenue Synagogue will be parishioners from the Church of the Holy Trinity, an Episcopal Church in our neighborhood.

This series of lectures, the first of the Dorothy Tager Lectures, are sponsored by the Dorothy Tager Education Fund, a fund established as a living memorial to Mrs. Dorothy Tager, an active participant in the adult education program at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Tuition for the series is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members and a special rate of \$37, established when more than one member of a family registers for the same course in the Institute.

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(This is the last in a series of personal statements in response to the NEWSWEEK Magazine article, "Where Have All The Hazzans Gone?", which appeared in the early summer.)



### Building Fund

Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to thank its members and friends for their continuing generous response to the "Finish-The-Building" Campaign:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Bialkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Bienenfeld, for the speedy recovery of Sam Deutsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Butler, in honor of Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Mrs. Joanne Cummings.

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davidson.

The Davidson Family, in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Hilda and Edwin Davidson and Vicky and Seymour Wimpfheimer and the birthdays of Hilda Davidson, Helen Wimpfheimer and Vicky Wimpfheimer.

Mr. Jordon H. Eskin.

Ms. Vivian Rivkin Friedman, in memory of Edna Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Furman.

Mrs. Marjorie Goodstein, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Elisabeth Lerner.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Kieval, in honor of Bea Klenert.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Kossoff, in memory of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn Kossoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kossoff, in memory of his sister, Stephanie Lynn Kossoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Lane.

Mr. John S. Lawrence, in memory of Jesse G. Bases and Nettie Bases.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Levenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lieber, in memory of Isaac Lieber, grandfather of Leslie and Michelle Lieber.

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Mr. Robert Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raticoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Marc Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Rizzo, in memory of Ida Kaplan.

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### College Age Students Invited To Reunion/Brunch/Symposium Jan. 3

College students, home for the holidays, are cordially invited to attend a Sunday Brunch/Symposium at the synagogue on January 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Designed primarily as a social get-together and reunion, the Brunch will also include an extra dimension in the person of Professor Jonathan Woocher who will lead a discussion of "To Be or Not To Be: Issues of Jewish Identity Today."

Professor Woocher is Assistant Professor in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University, where he teaches courses in Jewish identity, community and issues in contemporary Jewish life. He received his A.B. degree, summa cum laude, in Political Science from Yale University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Temple University.

Dr. Woocher, who lives in Framingham, Massachusetts with his wife and two children, has also been characterized as "a really nice guy"!

If your college student is at home January 3, send him or her over for food for the body *and* the soul.

This Brunch/Symposium is one of many continuing programs made possible through the Stephanie Lynn Kossoff Memorial Fund.

### Torah Fund Campaign Project Of Sisterhood

Sisterhood asks the congregation's support of one of its projects: The Torah Fund/Residence Halls Campaign of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The national campaign gives all of us an opportunity to participate in the development, strengthening and maintenance of the Seminary, the spiritual, academic and cultural center of the Conservative Movement.

Torah Fund, now in its 40th year, supports the Seminary in its work of training rabbis, scholars, teachers, cantors and young leaders as well as its other programs: Melton Research Center, Leaders Training Fellowship, Ramah Camps, radio and TV programs, Jewish Museum, the world famous Seminary Library, etc.

Through our purchase of cards and date books, we can assist the Seminary. Please call Mrs. Eve Zinn, 427-7941, Chairman of the Torah Fund Campaign on behalf of Sisterhood, and place your orders with her for cards suitable for all occasions.

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### "Wine Tasting" Plus . . . At Synagogue January 31

Parents Association invites the Congregation to a Park Avenue Synagogue First — a "Wine Tasting" party on Sunday, January 31 at 2 P.M.

The Party, highlighting the wines available for purchase through Parents Association for home use on Passover, will feature all kinds of Carmel, Strictly Kosher For Passover, Wines, from sweet to dry. A film-strip on wines will be shown and wine expert Gerald Friedman will be available for consultation. In addition, Parents Association is planning to present a "surprise," the showing of the award-winning film, "Images Before My Eyes." A nominal fee of \$2.50 a person will be charged at the door for those who wish to attend the movie.

Plan now to attend the party. Parents Association hopes thereby to entice you to give it all your business (!) for Passover, that is!

### "The Ghetto Pillow" Shown At Sisterhood Open Meeting

Sisterhood will present an unusual, and quite extraordinary, film at its next Open Meeting, Tuesday, January 19 at 1 P.M. "The Ghetto Pillow," a film produced by Harriet and Albert Barry, is based upon the watercolors of Samuel Rothbart which depict a vanished era, daily life in Eastern Europe between 1882-1904.

This film has been described as a pastorate in the same way that Beethoven's Sixth Symphony has been described as a "Pastorale." It was this depiction of the sweetness of life in the rural setting of Walkovisk, White Russia, the locale of Rothbart's watercolors, that caught the attention of Jerome Robbins who then used the watercolors as his point of visual reference when he designed the backgrounds for "Fiddler On The Roof."

Refreshments will be served.

### Young Couples League To Visit Sotheby Parke Bernet

The Young Couples League of the Mr. and Mrs. Club is going to Sotheby Parke Bernet on Monday, January 18 at 7:30 P.M. for a private viewing of Old Master Drawings and a gallery talk by their member, Beverly Schreiber Jacoby.

This is a marvellous opportunity to go "behind the scenes" at Sotheby's. For more information, and to make your reservation to attend, please call Rabbi Wechsler's Office, 369-2600.



## Calling All Stars! — II

Do you act? Sing? Dance? Write? Or have a theatrical talent not mentioned above? Would you like to put any of your talents to work and have a great time as well?

As an encore to the success of our show, "Broadway Comes to Madison Avenue," produced by the Mr. and Mrs. Club last year, the Club will present a new variety show in the spring of 1982. Rehearsals will begin early in February.

If you are interested in participating, write to Mrs. Milton Brown, c/o Mr. and Mrs. Club, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028. Please include your name, address, and telephone number, so that we can notify you of the first rehearsal.

## Club 50 Invites New Members To Join In Activities

Single men and women, age 50 and over, are invited to join Club 50, the newest social group at Park Avenue Synagogue.

All men and women interested in joining the group are asked to call the Synagogue Office, 369-2600, during business hours, to register their interest. Once a prospective membership list is drawn up, a planning meeting will be held for those who have expressed interest in joining to determine what activities the group wishes to pursue.

Club 50 is open to members of Park Avenue Synagogue, their families and friends.

## Congratulations

The Congregation offers a hearty *Mazal Tov* to:

**Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Abrams**, upon the birth of their son, Efram Harlan.

**Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jeremy Bard**, upon the birth of their daughter, Verity Eliza.

**Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Finkelstein**, upon the birth of their son, Jesse Charles.

**Mr. Richard Halperin**, upon his forthcoming marriage to Marianne Rosenberg.

**Mrs. Ethel Keenan**, upon the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Robert.

**Mrs. Henry Perlman**, upon the marriage of her grandson, Andrew Grossman to Bonnie Spitalnick.

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Our apologies to **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dragutsky** and to **Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Labes** for our listing error. *Mazal Tov* to the Dragutskys upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Nancy, and to the Labes, upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Eric Labes Harrison.

## The FIRST Confirmation Class at Park Avenue Synagogue Shavuot, June 6, 1927



Our thanks to Mrs. Jack Brause for lending us this picture! Mrs. Brause, a member of the class, can be found standing on the left, holding a bible. The Rabbi is Dr. Gabriel Shulman, the Rabbi of the congregation at that time. The photo clears up some mysteries. Where now there are just cover wall plates, we see the original wall sconces; the large candelabra, which are now placed to the rear of the *bima*, originally stood where the flower vases now stand; the candlestick lamps which then illuminated the *bima* area are no longer, but the electrical outlets are still there.

## Single Parents Workshop To Hold Symposium February 26

The Single Parents Workshop will hold a symposium on the subject "Divorce And The Jewish Child" during the Oneg Shabbat which will follow the Friday Night Service, February 26.

The symposium will consist of a panel debate, with audience participation, which will be in response to the substance of Rabbi Wechsler's talk, which he will have delivered during services, on "The Ideal Jewish Parents: Prototype Or Myth?"

The congregation is invited to join the Single Parents Workshop members in this provocative examination of a subject which affects us all.

Services begin at 8:30 P.M. with the Oneg Shabbat following directly in the Lemberg Auditorium.

## Singles Group Plans "Our Own Service"

The Singles Group 30 - 50 invites its members to "Our Own Service," Friday Night, January 8 at 8:30 in the Appleman Chapel. As the name implies, this will be a participatory service giving members the opportunity to conduct the service as well as to hold a dialogue with Rabbi Harlan Wechsler on issues of Jewish observance and belief.

This dialogue will continue informally at the Oneg Shabbat which will follow the Service.

## Parents Association Board Opens Its Meetings To Parents

Parents Association invites all parents whose children attend the Mazer School of Religious Studies to come to Board Meetings. In January, the Board will meet on Thursday, January 21 and in February, the Board will meet on Wednesday, February 24. Both meetings begin at 8 P.M.

President Margot Gusick Turkish wishes to stress that Parents Association is the parents' organization and all parents are encouraged to become more actively interested in the projects of Parents Association.

Tuesday, February 2, has been set aside for a special meeting sponsored by Parents Association to which the congregation is also invited. Watch your mail for an announcement of this meeting *and COME*.

## "Why NOT Intermarriage?" Discussion Topic At Study Breakfast

Over coffee and danish, parents whose children attend class on Sunday mornings, as well as members of congregation who are interested, are invited to join with Rabbi Wechsler in a discussion of "Why NOT Intermarriage?" at the Sunday Study Breakfast, January 17, at 10:15.

With more than a third of all marriages in the American Jewish community intermarriages, this cultural reality is one of increasing concern to us all.

The Sunday Study Breakfast program is co-sponsored by Parents Association and the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies. Baby-sitting, courtesy of the high school, is available for preschool children.

## Condolences

*Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:*

**Mr. Jacques Benveniste**, upon the death of his mother, Esther Beneveniste.

**Mrs. Penny Bernstein**, upon the death of her mother, Rhoda Pressman.

**Messrs. Jay and Robert Block**, upon the death of their mother, Dorothy Block.

**Mrs. Peter Cats**, upon the death of her father, Leopold Silberstein.

**Mrs. Emma Cohen**, upon the death of her brother, William Alpert.

**Mrs. Sylvan Lawrence**, upon the death of her husband.

**Mr. Leslie Lenkowsky**, upon the death of his grandparents, Jenny and Meyer Lenkowsky.

**Mrs. Edward Taub**, upon the death of her husband.

**Dr. Stephen Thomas**, upon the death of his father, Dr. Laurence Thomas.



## Contributions

### Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Harold Abramson, in memory of her husband.  
 Mrs. Joan G. Alexander.  
 Mr. Robert Auerbach, in memory of his father, Nathan Auerbach.  
 Mrs. Vicki L. Axe, in memory of her sister, Jacqueline G. Infante.  
 Dr. Harold Axe, in memory of his mother, Blanche Axe.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Harold Axe.  
 Mrs. Donald Bab, in memory of her father, Nathan Thrope.  
 Dr. Tamara Ballard, in memory of her mother, Fannie Katz and her brother, David Katz.  
 Mrs. Sylvia Bass.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller, in memory of Edna Altman.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller, in honor of the birthday of Frances Berger.  
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 Mr. Morris S. Bercow, in honor of his birthday.  
 Mr. Alexander Birnbaum.  
 Ms. Laura Bloch, in memory of Chifra Kornzweig.  
 Ms. Ruth K. Bloom, in memory of Dorothy Block.  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Bloom.  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daub, in honor of Hadassah Nadich being named Kalah Mafteret.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deutseh, in memory of Ida Kaplan.  
 Mrs. Ann Eisenberg, in memory of her father, Samuel Wasserstein.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Eisenberg, in memory of his mother, Doris Eisenberg.  
 Ms. Alene S. Egol, in memory of Nathan Egol.  
 Hon. William Epstein.  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Saul A. Finkel, in memory of Ida Kaplan.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Saul A. Finkel, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Nancy Sharon Levenson.  
 Mrs. Mark I. Finkelstein, for the speedy recovery of her brother.  
 Mr. Robert J. Fraiman, in memory of Dorothy Block.  
 Ms. Frances Freedman, in memory of her father, Louis Freedman.  
 and Mrs. Irving Friedman, in honor of the birth of their grandson, Matthew Scott.  
 Mrs. Wilma Kurzner, in memory of her father, Rudolph Goldberg.  
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 Mrs. Ellen Sherr, in memory of Valerie Gordon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Siegel, in memory of Ida Kaplan.  
 Mrs. Frances H. Siegel, in memory of her father, Fred Hahn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Silversmith, in memory of his father, Julius Silbersehmidt.  
 Mr. Lawrence G. Soicher, in memory of his father, Irving Soicher.  
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### Men's Club Plans Theater Party February 7

Men's Club is planning a theater party, a social evening for their members, their wives and friends.

**The Play:** "The Price"  
by Arthur Miller

**The Place:** 92nd St. YM-YWHA  
1395 Lexington Ave.

**The Time:** 7 P.M.

**The Date:** Sunday, February 7, 1982

**Tickets:** \$10 each

Men's Club feels fortunate to have been able to buy out the house of the small theater at the Y. Approximately 55 seats are available. So, place your reservations early, *as space is limited!*

For further information, please contact Alan Bandler at SA 2-6687, evenings.

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